

# TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

## TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

**MEETING DATE:** June 4, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 5.b.

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Council Position on Annexation

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

There are two bills before the NC General Assembly that will probably be enacted by the time Council meets. They are HB5 and HB925. House Bill 5 overturns lawful annexations in nine municipalities – annexations that were conducted under the then existing law. HB925 probably ends annexations by statute in this State because it allows the action to be overturned by a simple majority vote of only those residents in the area proposed for annexation. The referendum does not include the voters of the city, who of course are left with the burden of financing all the services that those just outside the city use. The question is, if people just outside the city have the choice of making use of city amenities and not paying city taxes, or be annexed and pay the taxes that support all those amenities, would they choose to be annexed. As the President of the NC League of Municipalities has said, I believe we all know the answer to that question.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS:**

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